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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CIVIL AVIATION TRAINING; ZAIRE

1. MINISTER OF TRANSPORT INONGA HAS APPROACHED UNDP WITH REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL TRAINING PROGRAM TO HELP ZAIRE RUN ITS CIVIL AVIATION AFFAIRS. IN ADDITION, UNDP ASSISTANCE WAS SOUGHT TO SET UP NEW AVIATION SCHOOL FOR BEGINNING AND ADVANCED PILOTS AT KITONA IN BAS ZAIRE.

2. TWO UNDP OFFICIALS FROM DAKAR (ONE NAMED PELLETIER) RECENTLY VISITED KINSHASA TO DISCUSS GOZ REQUESTS. AMONG PROJECTS DISCUSSED WAS CREATION OF CIVIL AVIATION SCHOOL AT NDOLO IN KINSHASA TO TRAIN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS, ABSORB EXISTING ISTA (INSTITUT SUPERIEUR DE TECHNIQUE D' AVIATION) AND WOULD COST ABOUT \$6-1/2 MILLION. WHILE THIS COMMIT UN TO ANY SPECIFIC AMOUNT AT THIS TIME. REPORTEDLY, UNDP HAS ALREADY MADE AVAILABLE EIGHT TRAINING GRANTS FOR CIVAIR TECHNICIANS.

3. IN ADDITION, GOZ APPROACHED UNDP ABOUT SETTING UP NEW FLYING SCHOOL (BASIC AND ADVANCED) AT KITONA MILITARY BASE IN BAS ZAIRE. GOZ AWARE THAT UN CANNOT BECOME INVOLVED IN MILITARY TRAINING AND APPARENTLY HOPES GET AROUND THIS BY HAVING ALL CIVILIAN STUDENT PILOTS THROUGH ADVANCED TRAINING AFTER WHICH THEY WOULD GO EITHER INTO AIR FORCE AS
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MILITARY OFFICERS OR INTO AIR ZAIRE FOR SPECIALIZED

TRAINING.

4. COMMENT: (A) WHILE HELPING HAND FROM UNDP MIGHT TEND FURTHER CONFUSE THINGS HERE, ON BALANCE REGIE DES VOIES AERIENNE AND AIR ZAIRE NEED ALL THE HELP THEY CAN GET. DAN MOORE, DG OF RVA FAVORS PROJECT.

(B) WE ARE ASSURED UN WILL HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH PILOT TRAINING WHICH IN ANY WAY IS MILITARILY RELATED AND WE DOUBT THAT INONGA IS EVEN AWARE OF FACT THAT BELGIAN MILITARY ADVISERS AT KITONA HAVE BEEN ORDERED OUT, REPORTEDLY TO MAKE WAY FOR EXPECTED NORTH KOREAN MILITARY ADVISERS.

(C) FROM SEVERAL SOURCES WE HAVE IMPRESSION GOZ IS CONSIDERING ALTERNATIVES TO TAP CONTRACT WITH PANAM. AMONG OTHER THINGS, TAP TEAM IS SUPPOSED TO TRAIN ZAIRIANS BUT HAS BEEN LIMITED IN THIS FIELD BY SHORTAGE OF PERSONNEL AND FUNDS.

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